State Quality Improvement Committee Time Period 1st Quarter FY 2010 (July-September 2009)

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Dash Board I tems:	August 24, 2009	 Linda Wininger asked the committee if they would consider changing the priority focus areas to the following: The interface between DCFS and the Office of Licensing. DCFS meeting new Medicaid requirements (which also fits into placement stability). Emphasize In-Home (Home-Based) services with the work that DCFS is currently doing with Casey Family Programs to reduce the number of children in foster care. Redeveloping the CPS program area (this also meets the CAPTA requirements). The committee agreed to replace the previous priority focus areas with the four outlined above. 	
Public Relations:	August 24, 2009	Division director, Duane Betournay, talked about budget cuts and how most of them came out of losing positions at the State Office, including the position that was created to support the QICs. He explained that Katy Larsen and Reba Nissen will be the main contacts for the committees. Duane stated that State and Regional QICs have made a real difference to DCFS and that, despite administrative changes, we are still committed to the QICs across the state. Brad McGarry and Geniel Evenson from OSR gave a history of the Office of Services Review and informed the State QIC about recommended changes to the Case Process Review including dropping the Foster Care question about services being initiated on time. This item had been up for study since OSR presented it to the committee a year	

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		prior. The study findings were that OSR cannot guarantee the accuracy of this measure and that we measure this information better with the Qualitative Case Review. The committee was also informed of other changes in the Case Process Review that would put them more in line with the Federal Child and Family Services Review so that staff would be prepared for the federal review. These represent no material change to the Practice Model.	
	September 28, 2009	Aude Bermond Hamlet discussed proposed changes to Case Process Review items. These represented no material change to the Practice Model, but were presented to inform the state QIC for transparency.	
CPS Issues:	August 24, 2009	Brad McGarry and Geniel Evenson presented on recommended changes to the Case Process Review for CPS priority timeframes and CPS case closure: instead of reviewing a sample in each of these areas, SAFE can pull the entire universe of cases and use that for the report. This represents no material change to the Practice Model, but is presented to inform the state QIC for transparency.	
	September 28, 2009	Aude Bermond Hamlet discussed proposed changes to Case Process Review items including Trend #9 CPS priority time frames. The proposal is to change this trend to match the Case Process Review measure which contains similar information.	
QCR Participation:	August 24, 2009	New member Jenny Arm from the Pride Center expressed interest in QCR participation and was given information about doing so.	Continue to encourage participation.
Other Business:	September 28, 2009	QIC Summit draft agenda is reviewed	Final preparations for QIC Summit will be made in October.

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			Draft sent to all region QIC leads and state QIC members for feedback, finalize handbook at October meeting to have copies available at QIC Summit.